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FURTHER PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF THE PROGRAMME AND METHODS OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION:

ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Uganda: draft resolution

1997/... African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling the Charter of the Organization of African Unity,

Recalling also the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, adopted on 27 June 1981 by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its eighteenth ordinary session, held at Nairobi,

Considering the situation of human rights in Africa,

1. Endorses the results of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights at its twentieth ordinary session, held in Mauritius from 21 to 31 October 1996;

2. Welcomes the appointment by the Commission of a special rapporteur on prisons in Africa, with an initial mandate of two years, in accordance with a recommendation of the Pan-African Seminar on Prison Conditions in Africa, held at Kampala from 19 to 21 September 1996;

3. Takes note with appreciation of the initial report submitted to the African Commission by its Special Rapporteur on arbitrary, summary and extrajudicial executions;

4. Encourages the African Commission to establish an African human rights court and to continue with the consideration of individual cases of violations of human rights by African States;

5. Commends the African Commission for its decision to set up, under its own auspices, a mechanism for urgent response to emerging human rights and humanitarian emergencies in Africa;

6. Invites the Organization of African Unity to establish a voluntary fund for human rights, as recommended by the African Commission at its twentieth ordinary session;

7. Urges African Member States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and to pay particular attention to the rights of women;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to assist, upon request, African States and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in the implementation of the present resolution;

9. Urges other entities of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to assist the Secretary-General in implementing the request contained in paragraph 8 above;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.